

(10) "Judge" means any person designated as a judge of election and shall include book judges and machine attendants.

(11) The "majority party" means the principal political party to which the incumbent Governor belongs, if the incumbent Governor is a member of one of the two principal political parties; if the incumbent Governor is not a member of one of the two principal political parties, "majority party" means the principal political party whose candidate for Governor received the highest number of votes at the last preceding general election. The principal "minority party" means the other of the two principal political parties. The "principal political parties" means the two parties whose candidates for Governor received the highest and second highest number of votes at the last preceding general election.

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~~(a) (1) Each board biennially shall appoint for each precinct, at least four [(4)] judges. [An equal number of such judges shall be selected from the majority party and the principal minority party in the State; and the board in making any such appointments shall designate the persons intended by it to represent each such political party.] The board may require the attendance BEFORE THE BOARD of [these] persons [before it] APPOINTED AS JUDGES for examination with respect to their qualifications.~~

~~(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD SHALL APPOINT A JUDGE WHO:~~

~~(I) BELONGS TO THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE STATE;~~

~~(II) BELONGS TO THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY IN THE STATE;~~

~~OR~~

~~(III) HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A PARTY UNDER § 3-8 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(3) THE BOARD MAY NOT APPOINT A JUDGE WHO HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A PARTY UNDER § 3-8 OF THIS ARTICLE UNLESS THE BOARD HAS FIRST MADE AN EFFORT TO APPOINT TO THAT POSITION A JUDGE WHO BELONGS TO THE MAJORITY PARTY OR PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.~~

~~(4) FOR EACH PRECINCT:~~

~~(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES SELECTED FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY MUST EQUAL THE NUMBER OF JUDGES SELECTED FROM THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY;~~

~~(II) IF THE BOARD APPOINTS ONE OR MORE JUDGES WHO HAVE DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A PARTY UNDER § 3-8 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES SELECTED FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY MAY DIFFER FROM THE NUMBER OF JUDGES SELECTED FROM THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY BY ONE JUDGE;~~